

the end of that time prove to the satisfaction of the United Society that he has not been financially prospered far beyond the sum paid out by him."

—Every man is a missionary now and forever, for good or for evil, whether he intends or designs it or not. He may be a blot, radiating his dark influence out to every circumference of society; or he may be a blessing, spreading benediction over the length and breadth of the world; but a blank he can not be. There are no moral blanks, there are no neutral characters. We are either the sower that sows and corrupts, or the light that splendidly illuminates, and the salt that silently operates; but, being dead or alive, every man speaks.—*Chalmers*.

—Society is recognizing the debt of strength to weakness. The man who has skill in speech is becoming a voice to the dumb. Those who have skill toward wealth are becoming the almoners of bounty toward art, education, and morals. Men who selfishly get much and give little, who have become Dead Seas of accumulated treasure, are losing their standard in society. More and more cities are bestowing their honors and esteem upon those who serve their fellows. Men are becoming magazines, sending out kindness everywhere. Men are becoming gardens, filling all the air with pungent fragrance. Men are becoming castles in which the poor find protection. The floods of iniquity have long covered the earth, but love is the dove bringing the olive branch of peace. Love sings the dawn of a new day.—*Rev. N. D. Hills*.

#### GIVING ACCORDING TO ABILITY

W. B. Taylor, in Christian Standard.

Whence comes my ability? What is the measure of it? What need is there of my gifts? These three questions ought to haunt every Christian conscience. In answer be it said:

First, God supplies the conditions of honest possessions. Read—do not fail to—Deut. 8:18; also 2 Cor. 9:8. If you will not consult God's Word on this matter, your case is hopeless.

What is the measure of my ability? God gave me his Son. The gift was measured by his love. He looked also on the measure of my need, and filled that. Jesus "loved the church, and gave himself up for it." His gift was measured by love. If rate per cent be asked for, the arguments for one hundred per cent are strongest. Jesus gave it in becoming poor. He commended the woman who cast in all. He advised a young man to make one fling of his whole fortune into the treasury of benevolence, and Give himself to God besides. Peter and others "left all and followed" him. Paul suffered the loss of all things. But talk not of rate per cent. Perish the thought! It remains forever true that he who loves little will give little, and he who loves much will give much. Stinging reproach or divine commendation follows in the wake of our giving.

What need is there of my gifts? "To

seek and to save the lost." If lost souls command no comparison, it argues that the unpitying soul is also lost. "But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?"

## Church News

Program Kanemorado District Convention of the Brethren Church to be Held at Carleton, Neb., August 22, 23, 24, 25, 1898

AUGUST 22—7:30 P. M.

Devotional, J. L. Kimmel.  
Appointment of committees.  
Song service.  
Annual sermon, C. Forney, District President.

AUGUST 23—9:30 A. M.

Devotional, S. A. Brumbaugh.  
Business organization.  
Inter-church Co-operation, S. J. Harrison. Discussion led by J. B. Whipkey.  
Song service.  
How May We Arouse More Zealous Work in the Local Church, J. R. Keller. Discussion led by W. C. Easterbrook.  
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:00 O'CLOCK

Devotional, M. Lichty.  
The Gospel Oversight of Churches, A. J. Hixson. Discussion led by H. S. Enslow.  
Paper on Family Prayer, J. W. Hannan. Discussion led by J. H. Burnworth.  
Blackboard exercises, J. D. McFaden.  
Queries.  
Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 O'CLOCK

Devotional, G. J. Wolters.  
Song service.  
Sermon, A. J. Hixson.  
Social Service led by E. R. Mathers.

AUGUST 24—9:30 A. M.

Devotional, John Stout.  
Report of District Evangelist. Discussion by O. L. Brown.  
The Future Management of Ashland University, H. M. Lichty. Discussion, E. L. Yoder and S. M. Metzker.  
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON, S. S. C. E. SESSION—2:00 O'CLOCK

Devotional, Ellen G. Lichty.  
Reports from societies.  
The Need of the Society in the Church, Lizzie Tricht.  
Our Society as a factor in Church Work, Jennie Bowman.

Need of Better Co-operation in Endeavor Work in the Churches, Fannie Lewis. Discussion led by Ella Showalter and Miss A. L. Whipkey.

Temperance in the Church, Samuel Lichty. Discussion, D. H. Kelso.

God in Government, Mrs. D. B. Zook. Discussion.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 O'CLOCK

Devotional, Asa Bissel.  
How to Provide Funds for Missionary Work, John R. Lichty. Discussion led by Israel Baer.  
Adjournment.

AUGUST 25, SUNDAY-SCHOOL SESSION—9:30 A. M.

Devotional, Fannie Lewis.  
Reports of schools.  
Is our Sunday-school Improving in Efficiency? D. H. Kelso. Discussion led by Mrs. John Stout.  
Temperance in the Sabbath-school, Clarence Yoder. Discussion led by George Hudson.  
What can we do in the Sunday-school to Suppress the Cigarette and Tobacco Habit? J. D. McFaden. Discussion led by J. B. Whipkey.  
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SESSION—2:00 O'CLOCK

Devotional, Lizzie Tricht.

Address by Clarence Yoder, Pres. K. C.'s Board.

How May we Better Interest Young Men in Christian Work? W. C. Easterbrook. Discussion led by Aaron Showalter.

The Christ Life for Young People, Susie Lichty. Discussion led by Levi Wood.

Junior Work, Mrs. Samuel Lichty. Discussion led by Annie Sturtzvant.

EVENING, A MISSIONARY MEETING—7:30 O'CLOCK

Devotional, George Eriend.

City Mission Work, J. D. McFaden.

Home Mission Work, A. J. Hixson.

Our Duty to Foreign Missions, S. J. Harrison.

Song and Collection for Mission Work.

Sunrise prayer meetings every morning.

Music to be arranged for by Carleton church.

Special effort should be made to have good attendance and representation of all the different societies.

C. FORNEY, President.

#### To the Superintendents and Pastors of the State of Ohio

In looking over EVANGELIST No. 24 I see statement made by Prof. E. V. Zollers, President of Hiram College, on "Men and Methods" and turning over a few pages I see the report of the Ohio conference, and to my great surprise, as it stands in print, it is mainly resolution after resolution. True they had men back of them or such resolutions could not have been framed, and who have seen the great need of the Brethren church. When I copied these resolutions I thought they were big and long, but I had not comprehended their depth, the scope of ground which they cover, and much less, their power for good if effectually carried out.

The movers of these resolutions dove down into the deep sea of the needs of the church, like the divers who decended into the great deep to examine the wrecked Maine, they had brought forth the testimony of past experiences, showing what the church lacks.

In two columns of the report I see four mammoth resolutions.

Now, brethren, we have the methods, let us also have the men to carry them out. We have the brain, let us also have the brawn. As for myself, I have promised God to faithfully, and to the best of my ability, carry out such work as is placed upon me to do. As Secretary of the conference, I have these suggestions to offer to the superintendents and pastors of the state; and in any congregation or school where the pastor or superintendent does not have access to the EVANGELIST, I hope some brother or sister will kindly inform the same of this request.

Who will help me in this work? It is this. You know that good news is inspiring. How encouraging it would be to the brotherhood at large if each pastor and superintendent would give a complete report of his or her work during the year. The number of scholars enrolled, new scholars added during the year, number added to the church during the year, etc., and if each pastor would give a complete parochial report of work done.

Suppose each state would do this what interest it would add to the conference report. We might add, from these reports the Secre-